

Prehistoric Ceramic Sherds from 41TN11, Trinity County, Texas

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There are nine plain rim and body sherds in the collection from 41TN11. Eight of these are Goose Creek Plain, *var. Goose Creek* sandy paste sherds (see Phillips and Weinstein 2018) (Figure 1a-b). Story (1990) and Perttula (2018) previously referred to such sandy paste sherds as Goose Creek Plain, *var. unspecified*. Ceramic vessel sherds from this type and variety are part of the Woodland Period Mossy Grove material culture in East and Southeast Texas (see Ellis 2013; Perttula 2018), and eventually this ware continued to be made again in the Late Prehistoric period. The other plain body sherd is from a grog-tempered vessel. In Southeast Texas archeological contexts, grog-tempered ceramics, whether plain or decorated, typically denote a post-A.D. 900 occupation.

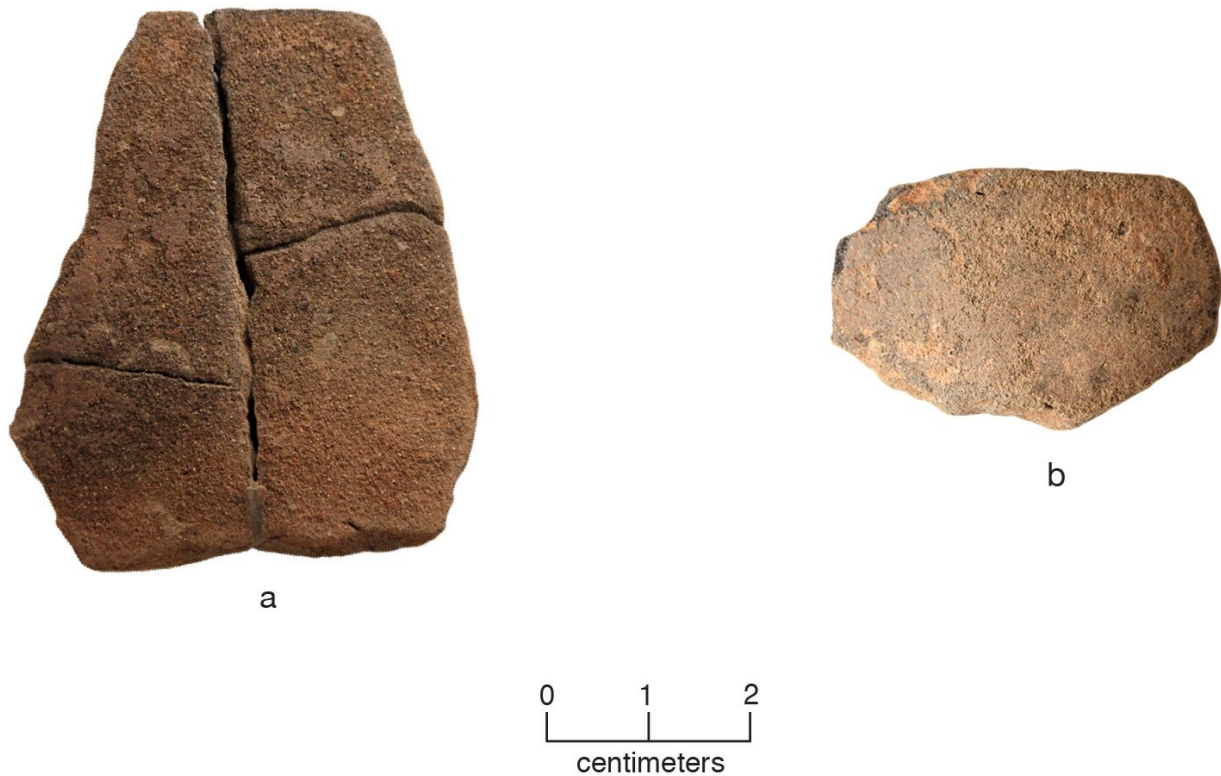


Figure 1. Goose Creek Plain, *var. Goose Creek* sherds from 41TN11: a, rim sherd; b, body sherd.

The one Goose Creek Plain, *var. Goose Creek* rim is from a vessel incompletely oxidized during fired (see Teltser 1993:Figure 2e). It has no surface treatment (see Figure 1a), and has thin vessel walls (5.2 mm). The eight sandy paste body sherds are from vessels primarily fired in a reducing environment (88 percent), including five sherds that were from vessels cooled in a low oxygen environment (see Teltser 1993:Figure 2b), and two others cooled in the open air (see Teltser 1993:Figure 2f). Only one of these sherds has any surface treatment: interior vessel surface smoothing. The sandy paste body sherds are relatively thin: ranging from 5.4-7.5 mm, with a mean of 6.36 ± 0.69 .

The grog-tempered body sherd from 41TN11 is from a vessel fired and cooled in a reducing environment (Teltser 1993:Figure 2b). The sherd has no evidence of surface treatment. It is 7.0 mm in body wall thickness.

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